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appearing to have broader spikelets and resembling *Arundo donax*. From the herbarium specimens this form appears to be more robust than *Phragmites vulgaris* as it occurs in Japan, the stem being as thick as one's little finger. Franchet and Savatier place this as a variety of *P. vulgaris*, with the remark that it is scarcely worthy of this recognition. The species is cosmopolitan and somewhat variable, and I think this form is scarcely more than a variety. It is to be noted, however, that the Japanese name for this is *Yoshu-take*, to distinguish it from *Yoshi*, the other form of *P. vulgaris*." (A. S. Hitchcock.)

22350 to 22378.

From Peking, Chihli, China. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, March 20, 1908.

The following cuttings and seeds:

22350. DIOSPYROS KAKI L. f.**Persimmon.**

From Shifengtse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 208, Jan. 17, 1908.) A large, flat, seedless persimmon. Apparently a variety of the one sent under Nos. 104 and 105 (S. P. I. Nos. 16912 and 16921). As the trees were growing in a very well sheltered valley this large-fruited quality may be due to the location. Chinese name *Ta shi tse*." (Meyer.)

22351. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L.**Peach.**

From Shifengtse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 211, Jan. 17, 1908.) Said to be a large peach of reddish color. Chinese name *Ta tau*." (Meyer.)

22352. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L.**Peach.**

From Shifengtse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 212, Jan. 17, 1908.) Said to be medium sized, very flat, and of reddish color. Chinese name *Pien tau*." (Meyer.)

22353. AESCULUS CHINENSIS Bunge.

From Tanchetse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 213, Jan. 19, 1908.) The Chinese horse-chestnut, a beautiful new shade tree, quite rare here in China. Scions formerly sent under No. 81 (S. P. I. No. 17736). As the tree is more closely related to the *Pavia* than to the *Aesculus* it will probably thrive better when grafted upon stock of the first group. Chinese name *So to shu*." (Meyer.)

22354. AESCULUS CHINENSIS Bunge.

From Tanchetse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 216, Jan. 21, 1908.) The same as No. 213 (S. P. I. No. 22353) but from a different location. The same remarks apply to it. The largest specimens occur in the Tanchetse Temple, southwest of Peking, where the trunk of the biggest one measures 12½ feet in circumference." (Meyer.)

22355. POPULUS ALBA TOMENTOSA (CART.) Wesmael.

From Hsiendjetse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 217, Jan. 21, 1908.) The large-leaved Chinese poplar as sent before under several numbers. These trees grow remarkably straight and tall. The Chinese prune the lower branches off, until there is often a clear trunk of 40 feet before the first branch is reached. May prove to be a very good street tree. Chinese name *Pai gang shu*." (Meyer.)

22356. SYRINGA sp.

From Chaugnantse Temple, west of Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 218, Jan. 21, 1908.) Blue lilac. A very floriferous variety of lilac, with small leaves; very drought resisting. Chinese name *Lung ting hsien shu*." (Meyer.)